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The IDEALIST Mission C555C as planned  
herein is approved for 19 October 1965.



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JUSTIFICATION FOR COVERAGE OF TARGETS BY MISSION C555C

Monthly coverage of priority targets in South China, as well as weekly coverage of one-fourth of the priority targets, was directed by the United States Intelligence Board<sup>(1)</sup>. The targets for South China coverage are shown on the map, page four. The latter has been provided by COMOR<sup>(2)</sup>. Periodic coverage of the priority targets should provide the Intelligence Community with sufficient information concerning a possible increased Order of Battle in South China, from which the Intelligence Community could make a more accurate estimate of the Chicom posture and intentions relative to the Vietnam situation.

In addition to the above, a priority requirement for coverage of twelve Ports in Red China to determine the disposition of the Chicom submarine force was approved by USIB on 13 October 1965. This mission is designed to cover most of the Southern Ports included in the twelve targets.

Coverage of targets planned for this mission has not been accomplished during the past thirty days.

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(1) USIB-D-41.14/223  
(2) COMOR (PWG-D-6/18-20)

**TARGET COVERAGE PLANNED FOR MISSION C555C**

(Numbers 1 thru 7 correspond with highest priority targets on facing map)

HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS:

1. Yulin Naval Base
2. Haikou Naval Base
3. Huang Pu Naval Base
4. Tsam Kong Naval Base
5. Lingshui Airfield
6. Haikou Airfield
7. Nan Hai Airfield

CHICOM SUB BASES:

Yulin Naval Base  
Haikou Naval Base  
Huang Pu Naval Base  
Tsam Kong Naval Base  
Shan Tou Naval Base

MISSION DATA

DISTANCE : 1883NM  
TIME : 4+53  
T/O FUEL : 1045  
HI CONE : 145  
ENTRY ALT: 69,000  
PROFILE : 72,000  
MAX RANGE  
MAX ALT

BRIEF VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE:

The only known threat to this mission are MIG-21 aircraft in South China area. The MIG-21 capability against the U-2 at mission altitude is only marginal. Defensive electronic systems installed in the U-2 should prevent a successful intercept by an unknown SAM Site. (See MIG-21 and SAM Order of Battle on facing map.)

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